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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

VIA:

Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT:

Briefing for Admiral Dennison and

Selected Members of his Staff

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the Acting Director of Central Intelligence as noted in paragraph 4, below.

2. Background -

- a. General Maxwell D. Taylor visited CINCLANT at Norfolk, Virginia on Tuesday, 28 August 1962 for an official briefing.
- b. During the course of the visit Admiral Dennison stated that CINCLANT needed more information about Cuba. Specifically, he reportedly mentioned the question of determining the attitude of Cubans toward the Castro Government. General Taylor is said to have replied that CIA had just released a large report on Cuba. Admiral Dennison immediately contacted the CINCLANT Intelligence Division about this report. It appears that General Taylor was referring to the new National Intelligence Estimate (NIE), a copy of which had just been delivered to CINCLANT and was being reviewed by the Intelligence Division at that time. This answer was passed to Admiral Dennison.
- c. In addition to mentioning the NIE report, General Taylor suggested to Admiral Dennison that he visit CIA on his next trip to Washington, stating that CIA had much information on Cuba.
- d. In a subsequent conversation between Rear Admiral Rivero, Deputy Chief of Staff, CINCLANT, and the CIA

Representative, CINCLANT, regarding the new NIE and other CIA reports furnished CINCLANT, Admiral Rivero mentioned General Taylor's suggestion that Admiral Dennison visit CIA for a briefing on Cuba.

3. In view of General Taylor's suggestion to Admiral Dennison, and the follow-up on this suggestion by Admiral Rivero, it is recommended that an invitation be extended to Admiral Dennison to visit CIA Headquarters, at his convenience, to be briefed on the intelligence situation in the areas of his interest. The invitation would include key members of the Admiral's staff.

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